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For: **METHOD FOR SEPARATING SUBSTANCES USING DIELECTROPHORETIC FORCES**

**INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**  
**PURSUANT TO 37 CFR 1.97(b)**

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Sir:

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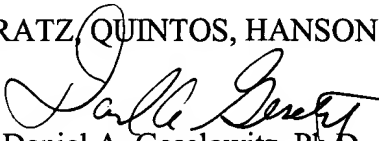
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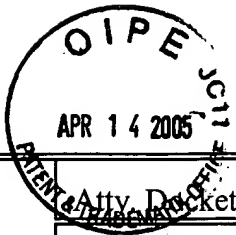
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